

PRESS RELEASE

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U.S. ATTORNEY, STATE POLICE, AND THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN HOST CONFERENCE TO COMBAT CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND TO PROTECT THE CHILD VICTIMS

United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, Terrance P. Flynn, announced today that his office, together with the New York State Police, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children/New York Branch, is hosting a two-day training conference entitled "Combating Child Pornography." The conference is being held today and tomorrow.

The 250 attendees of the conference are comprised of federal, multi-state, local, and foreign law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and probation officers, as well as non-governmental agencies/organizations that provide assistance, treatment, and/or services to the victims of crimes against children. Through a series of keynote speakers, it is the goal of the conference that the participants will develop a comprehensive understanding of child pornography investigations, the processes involved in identifying victims and protecting their rights, and how to better assist victims of child pornography crimes. The three sponsors of the conference have compiled locally, nationally, and internationally-renowned speakers who will address a vast array of topics relating to child pornography and the on-line exploitation of children.

Protecting the children of our community is one of the main priorities of the United States Attorney for the Western District of New York. Our children are the future of this community and they deserve to be safe from sexual predators who target them on-line and who have sexually abused them in the production, distribution, and possession of child pornography.